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VOL. I, No. 2, of the Daily Florida Democrat made its appearance in this office yesterday. It is published in Gainesville, with B. M. Barrington as editor and publisher, is a bright, newsy sheet, and if it holds up to the standard of the first issues, will prove a valuable acquisition to Florida journalism.

COL. B. W. WRENN, general passenger agent of the Plant System of railroads, has issued a neat little pamphlet entitled "Tobacco Lands in the Territory of the Plant System in Florida; Some Wonderful Results and the Possibilities of Tobacco Growing in Florida." The article is taken from the Southern Tobacco Journal, published at Winston, N. C. Col. Wrenn is without doubt the greatest railroad hustler in the country, and the Plant System made a ten strike when they secured his services. He is doing a great work for Florida, as well as the company he represents.

HELD HIGH CARNIVAL

The Elks Give a Grand Banquet in the Ocala House.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks gave their second social session last night.

A grand banquet was prepared for the seventy-five members and guests who were present.

The dining room in the hotel was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Mrs. Murray supervised the work, and displayed great talent in that line. The spacious room, when seen last night by a STAR reporter, was a thing of beauty. There was a profusion of palmetto, banana and date palms, and festoons of Spanish moss. The walls and columns were literally covered with bunting, moss and evergreens, with mottoes on the wall. Symbolic of the order was a pair of huge elk horns set on a mound of fern-covered rock, and in the center of the dining table was a bronze statue of an elk.

The immense dining room, with a seating capacity of seventy-five, did great credit to the chief butler, Philip Graham. The choicest silver, cut glass and china from the hotel was used. The table was bountifully supplied with the more delicate viands, wine, cake, fruits and meats, candies, ice cream, and everything to satisfy the inner man. Waiters who knew their business stood ready to anticipate every want.

After they had all eaten and were filled, the time was passed in dancing—strictly stag or elk dances—making speeches, comic songs and music, a piano having been provided. Geo. McKay executed the the Highland Fling, which was highly edifying.

Many fines were assessed upon members who had committed offenses, either real or imaginary, such as speaking too long or not long enough, or refusing altogether, speaking too loud or not loud enough, etc.

All said it was the most enjoyable occasion ever witnessed where the fair sex did not reign supreme.

The banquet broke up promptly at 12 o'clock, and the Elks betook themselves to their lairs, to dream of conquests to come.

GAS GALORE.

Ocala's Latest Enterprise in Successful Operation.

In the midst of a dull summer, and when badly crippled by various reverses, Ocala still leads her sister cities in increasing enterprises that are of no small importance.

Among the latest established in our city is the Ocala Gas Company, owned and operated by some of the most prominent citizens in the city. A little over a month ago the works commenced operation and a free test was extended to all of our business men, several of whom accepted it and are still using it. The company furnishes a very bright, clear light, and one that so far has given universal satisfaction. A finer light, in fact, is not found in any city. Several of our citizens are using it in their houses, both for lighting and heating purposes.

The entire plant cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000, and is of the most modern style. It is located near the ice factory, and everything connected with it is entirely new. Gas is made from coke and oil, lime being also used in the process, and the arrangement is perfect.

The promoters of this enterprise are Geo. MacKay, President; D. W. Davis, secretary; and among the stockholders are U. R. Waterman, W. J. McGrath, J. V. Burke, A. H. Birdsey and others.

The entire works are in charge of Mr. Geo. Buser, an experienced gas manufacturer and machinist, who has had several years experience in the largest cities in the country. Mr. Buser has all he can attend to placing lights in business houses which have ordered them.

The entire city has been laid with mains, and it is predicted that ere long many of our fine residences will be using the article both for lighting and cooking purposes.

The STAR congratulates the promoters on starting such an enterprise right in the midst of a dull summer season, and bespeaks for them the patronage it deserves.

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